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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 294336 ACTION ISLAMABAD, USUN NEW YORK  
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QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 294336

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TAGS: PFOR, PK, US

SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S POSITION ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUE

1. SUMMARY: UNDER SECRETARY HABIB CALLED IN PAKISTANI  
AMBASSADOR YAQUB-KHAN TO EXPRESS USG'S CONCERN ABOUT  
PAKISTAN'S INCREASINGLY CONFRONTATIONAL POSTURE ON NORTH-  
SOUTH ISSUES OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HABIB ALSO STRESSED  
OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH PAKISTAN'S VOTE IN COMMITTEE IN  
FAVOR OF AN UNACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION ON GUAM. AMBASSADOR  
STATED THAT HE WOULD PASS ON USG'S CONCERN TO THE PRIME  
MINISTER. A FORMAL REPLY WOULD BE GIVEN LATER BUT THE GOP  
HAD NO INTENTION TO CONFRONT THE USG. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER SECRETARY HABIB, ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRE-  
TARY LEWIS AND ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANDE,  
MET WITH AMBASSADORYAQUB-KHAN, DCM RIZA, AND COUNSELOR  
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USMAN, DECEMBER 1. HABIB OPENED THE MEETING BY STATING  
THAT SINCE THE U.S. AND PAKISTAN WERE OLD FRIENDS HE FELT  
ABLE TO BE QUITE FRANK IN EXPRESSING THE USG'S CONCERN  
ABOUT PAKISTAN'S RECENT POSITIONS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES

IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS. HE NOTED THAT IN EARLIER YEARS PAKISTAN HAD PLAYED AN EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND CONCILIATORY ROLE ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES BUT FOR REASONS THAT WERE UNCLEAR TO THE USG THIS ATTITUDE HAD CHANGED THIS YEAR.

PAKISTAN APPEARED TO BE MOVING FROM THE MIDSTREAM OF THE G-77 TO A POSITION OF CONFRONTATION WITH THE U.S. AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. PAKISTAN APPEARED NO LONGER TO BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A DIALOGUE ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES BUT PREFERRED TO ASSERT THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND EVEN TO QUESTION THE SINCERITY OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE SOLUTIONS.

3. HABIB EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT PAKISTAN'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RECENT UN RESOLUTION ON GUAM. THIS RESOLUTION CONSTITUTED AN ATTEMPT TO DICTATE WHAT THE USG COULD DO ON ITS OWN SOIL. AS SUCH THE RESOLUTION WAS CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE AND CONSTITUTED DIRECT INTERFERENCE BY THE UN IN U.S. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

4. HABIB STATED THAT THE USG'S CONCERN WITH PAKISTAN'S RECENT POSTURE ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY WHO HAD ASKED THAT HABIB MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR. HABIB ASKED THAT THE USG CONCERN BE TRANSMITTED TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. HABIB STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT SEEKING TO CRITICIZE AMBASSADOR AKHUND, WHO WAS ONLY ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ISLAMABAD.

5. AMBASSADOR YAQUB-KHAN STATED THAT HE APPRECIATED HABIB'S CANDOR AND HE WOULD COMMUNICATE THE USG'S POSITION TO ISLAMABAD. A FORMAL REPLY WOULD BE GIVEN EITHER HERE OR IN ISLAMABAD.

6. WITH RESPECT TO GUAM, THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF THE ISSUE. ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS SET OUT THE HISTORY OF THIS ITEM AND THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONE AMBASSADOR AKHUND  
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IN NEW YORK TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE USG'S DEMARCHE.

7. WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT PAKISTAN HAD BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH PROGRESS IN THE CIEC AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF THE ISSUES FACING THE DEVELOPING WORLD. PAKISTAN'S POSITION HAD NOT BEEN A SELFISH POSITION AND IT HAD TAKEN UP ISSUES SUCH AS COMMODITIES WHICH WERE OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, PAKISTAN CERTAINLY DID NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN A CONFRONTATION.

8. HABIB REPLIED THAT THE USG WAS ALSO DISSATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. HE HOPED,

HOWEVER, THAT COUNTRIES SUCH AS PAKISTAN WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE MADE PROPOSALS ON ALL THE MAJOR ISSUES AND TAKEN STEPS TO TRY TO MEET DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' NEEDS.

HABIB NOTED AS AN EXAMPLE THAT PAKISTAN WAS STRONGLY CRITICAL ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' POSITION ON DEBT RESCHEDULING AND CONTRASTED THIS POSITION WITH THE EXTREMELY LIBERAL TREATMENT PAKISTAN ITSELF HAD RECEIVED.

9. HABIB ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE WOULD PROVIDE A "NON-PIECE OF PAPER" WITH SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THE AREAS WHERE WE WERE UNHAPPY WITH PAKISTAN'S POSITIONS. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED BY STATING THAT THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL SINCE HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WISH TO CONSIDER SPECIFICS. PAPER (COPIES POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES) WAS PROVIDED.

10. IN CLOSING HABIB STATED THAT THE USG WAS ALSO NOT INTERESTED IN CONFRONTING PAKISTAN BUT WE DID WISH TO BRING OUR CONCERN ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN THE GOP. KISSINGER UNQTE: ROBINSON

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